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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the fifty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2003 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

A. 2003 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 20 January to 28 March, 12 May to 27 June and 28 July to 10 September 2003. During this period, the Conference held 26 formal plenary meetings, at which Member States as well as non-Member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference. The following dignitary addressed the Conference on Disarmament during its 2003 session: Ms. Yoriko Kawaguchi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan.

3. The Conference also held 5 informal meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on specific items of its agenda and other matters.

4. In accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, the following Member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy and Japan.[1]

5. The substantive Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Enrique Román-Morey, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament; and Mr. Jerzy Zaleski, Political Affairs Officer (in charge of the Conference on Disarmament).

B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

6. The representatives of the following Member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

7. At its 921st plenary meeting on 27 February 2003, the Conference decided to remove the nameplate of Yugoslavia from among the Member States of the Conference.

8. The following document concerning participation in the work of the Conference was submitted: CD/1706, dated 23 May 2003, entitled "Letter dated 22 May 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the President of the Conference".

C. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

9. In conformity with Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure, the States not Members of the Conference listed in the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

[1] See CD/PV.920.

10. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 37 States not Members of the Conference. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and its decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-Member States to participate in its work: Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, the Holy See, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Monaco, Nepal, Oman, the Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovenia, Sudan, Thailand, Uruguay and Yemen.

D. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 2003 Session

11. At its 915th plenary meeting on 21 January 2003, the Conference adopted its agenda for the 2003 session in conformity with the Rules of Procedure. The agenda (CD/1694) reads as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2003 session:
>
> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
>
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
>
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
>
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.
>
> 5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.
>
> 6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.
>
> 7. Transparency in armaments.
>
> 8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

12. In connection with the adoption of the agenda, the President made the following statement: "It is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda."

13. During the annual session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on the programme of work. In the course of these consultations, a number of informal proposals related to the programme of work were put forward. The Conference did not, however, agree on the programme of work and did not re-establish or establish any mechanism on any of its specific agenda items during the 2003 session.

14. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations and groups of delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, taking into account all relevant proposals, including CD/1624 and CD/1693, as well as an amendment to the latter subsequently put forward. The Conference witnessed active debates and, especially towards the end of the session, constructive efforts to seek common ground. These are duly reflected in the plenary records.

15. At the 916th plenary meeting on 23 January 2003, Ambassador Jean Lint of Belgium, on behalf of Ambassador Mohamed Salah Dembri of Algeria, Ambassador Camilo Reyes Rodríguez of Colombia, Ambassador Henrik Salander of Sweden, Ambassador Juan Enrique Vega of Chile and on his behalf, introduced a cross-group proposal on a programme of work of the Conference (CD/1693). At the 932nd plenary meeting, on 26 June 2003, Ambassador Lint presented, on behalf of the five Ambassadors, an amendment to the proposal (later reflected in CD/1693/Rev.1). Appreciation was expressed for this initiative. A wide range of delegations expressed their support for the proposal. Some delegations indicated that, though they had some concerns about certain elements in the proposal, they would not oppose a consensus on it or on its amended version. Some did not express their views.

16. Statements were made by some delegations emphasizing that linkages should not be established between elements of the programme of work and/or of the agenda while others stressed the need for a comprehensive approach.

E. Expansion of the Membership of the Conference

17. The important question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

18. Requests for membership had been received, since 1982, from the following 22 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan and Estonia.

F. Review of the Agenda of the Conference

19. The importance of the review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and Effective Functioning of the Conference

20. The importance of the improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

21. During the annual session, some Presidents of the Conference conducted a series of consultations on possible ways to enhance the contribution of civil society to the work of the Conference on Disarmament. In the course of these consultations a number of proposals were put forward. The modalities of civil society participation in other disarmament fora were considered and legal advice from the United Nations Legal Counsel was obtained. No objections were raised to a proposal to facilitate civil society in making available documents outside the meeting room of the Conference.

H. Communications from Non-Governmental Organizations

22. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of all communications from non-governmental organizations and persons was circulated to the Conference (document CD/NGC/37).

III. SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE DURING ITS 2003 SESSION

23. Significant contributions were made to promote substantive discussions on issues on the agenda in the plenary meetings. Furthermore, the Conference discussed other issues that could also be relevant to the current international security environment.

24. The substantive work of the Conference during its 2003 session was based on its agenda. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2003, and the verbatim records of the meetings of the Conference, are attached as Appendix II to the report.

25. The Conference had before it a letter dated 14 January 2003 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1692, and Add.1) transmitting all the resolutions and decisions dealing with or related to disarmament and international security adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session in 2002, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament:

57/50 "Prohibition of the development and manufacture of new types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons: report of the Conference on Disarmament" (operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5)

57/56 "Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" (operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5)

57/57 "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" (operative paragraphs 2, 5, 6 and 8)

57/59 "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda" (operative paragraphs 15, 16 and 17)

57/75 "Transparency in armaments" (operative paragraph 6)

57/76 "Regional disarmament" (operative paragraph 1)

57/77 "Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels" (operative paragraph 2)

57/78 "A path to the total elimination of nuclear weapons" (operative paragraphs 3(b) and 3(c))

57/79 "Nuclear disarmament" (operative paragraphs 12, 13, 16, and 17)

57/80 "The Conference on Disarmament decision (CD/1547) of 11 August 1998 to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled 'Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament', an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices" (operative paragraphs 1 and 2)

57/85 "Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*" (preambular paragraphs 12, 13 and 14)

57/94 "Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons" (operative paragraphs 1 and 2)

57/95 "Report of the Disarmament Commission" (operative paragraph 1, 7)

57/96 "Report of the Conference on Disarmament" (operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6)

26. At the 915th plenary meeting on 21 January 2003, the Secretary-General of the Conference conveyed to the Conference a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the opening of the 2003 session (CD/PV.915).

A. Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament

27. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item, including on nuclear disarmament and on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

28. The following documents dealing with this item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1691, dated 13 January 2003, entitled "Letter dated 7 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a summary of the second open-ended informal meeting in the framework of the Netherlands' FMCT-Exercise, on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices, held in Geneva on 25 September 2002";

(b) CD/1705, dated 26 May 2003, entitled "Letter dated 12 May 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a summary of the fourth open-ended informal meeting in the framework of the Netherlands' FMCT-Exercise on a treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices held in Geneva on 4 April 2003";

(c) CD/1707, dated 26 May 2003, entitled "Letter dated 22 May 2003 from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the English text of the paper submitted by New Zealand on behalf of the New Agenda Countries to the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons";

(d) CD/1709, dated 17 June 2003, entitled "Letter dated 13 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of a working paper submitted to the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons held in Geneva from 28 April to 9 May 2003";

(e) CD/1714, dated 19 August 2003, entitled "Letter dated 15 August 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the Working Paper on a Treaty to Ban the Production of Fissile Material for Nuclear Weapons and Other Nuclear Explosive Devices";

(f) CD/1715, dated 2 September 2003, entitled "Letter dated 2 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting an information note on the holding of the eighteenth regular session of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) in Havana, Cuba, on 5 and 6 November 2003";

(g) CD/1716, dated 3 September 2003, entitled "Letter dated 27 August 2003 from the Permanent Mission of Peru addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the communiqué adopted by the Rio Group on 26 August 2003 in support of the multilateral talks on the situation on the Korean Peninsula".

B. Prevention of Nuclear War, including All Related Matters

29. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item, and these are recorded in plenary records, previous annual reports of the Conference

(in particular paragraphs 62-71 of the 1992 report to the General Assembly of the United Nations (CD/1173)), related official documents and working papers.

C. Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space

30. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

31. The following documents dealing with this item were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/1687, dated 8 October 2002, entitled "Letter dated 4 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the response by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Igor Ivanov, to a question from the Russian media regarding the prevention of the deployment of weapons in outer space";

(b) CD/1710, dated 26 June 2003, entitled "Letter dated 11 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference notifying on the development of an initiative to promote openness and to build confidence in the domain of outer space activities".

D. Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons

32. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

E. New Types of Weapons of Mass Destruction and New Systems of Such Weapons; Radiological Weapons

33. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item, and these are recorded in plenary records, previous annual reports of the Conference (in particular paragraphs 79-82 of the 1992 report of the Conference to the General Assembly of the United Nations (CD/1173)), related official documents and working papers.

F. Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament

34. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item, and these are recorded in plenary records, previous annual reports of the Conference (in particular paragraphs 83-89 of the 1992 report to the General Assembly of the United Nations (CD/1173)), related official documents and working papers.

35. During plenary meetings of the Conference, a number of delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the issue of anti-personnel landmines, the detailed descriptions of which are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

G. Transparency in Armaments

36. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

H. Consideration of Other Areas Dealing with the Cessation of the Arms Race and Disarmament and Other Relevant Measures

37. During its 2003 session, the Conference also had before it the following documents:

(a) CD/1686, dated 27 September 2002, entitled "Letter dated 26 September 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the English text of the statement of the press service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine concerning accusations of Ukraine's sale of armaments to Iraq";

(b) CD/1688, dated 24 October 2002, entitled "Letter dated 8 October 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting an extract of the statement delivered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cuba, His Excellency Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque on 14 September 2002 at the plenary meeting of the fifty-seventh session of the United Nations General Assembly";

(c) CD/1689, dated 20 November 2002, entitled "Letter dated 5 November 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament informing the latter about the Republic of Cuba's ratification of the treaty for the prohibition of nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)";

(d) CD/1690, dated 6 January 2003, entitled "Letter dated 23 December 2002 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of a statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation regarding the stepping up of attempts by the United States of America to set in place a global missile defence system";

(e) CD/1695, dated 22 January 2003, entitled "Letter dated 17 December 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Peru addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Spanish text of press release 157-02 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru regarding the public ceremony held in Lima on 6 December 2002 to destroy firearms in civilian use";

(f) CD/1696, dated 22 January 2003, entitled "Letter dated 17 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Peru addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Spanish text of the communiqué issued by the Rio Group on 16 January 2003 regarding the decision by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to withdraw from the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and from the safeguards system of the International Atomic Energy Agency";

(g) CD/1697, dated 29 January 2003 entitled "Letter dated 14 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Belarus to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament concerning the issuance of a decree on prolongation of the moratorium on exports of anti-personnel land mines";

(h) CD/1698, dated 4 February 2003, entitled "Letter dated 30 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the treaty on the Ukrainian-Russian State border, signed on 28 January 2003 by the Presidents of Ukraine and the Russian Federation";

(i) CD/1699, dated 7 February 2003, entitled "Letter dated 4 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the international code of conduct against ballistic missile proliferation (ICOC), adopted in The Hague, the Netherlands on November 25 2002";

(j) CD/1700, dated 25 February 2003, entitled "Letter dated 17 February 2003, from the Permanent Representative of France and the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the French-Russian declaration on strategic issues signed on 10 February 2003 in Paris";

(k) CD/1701, dated 24 February 2003, entitled "Letter dated 28 January 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting on behalf of the Human Security Network the text of the 'Declaration on Promoting the Universalization of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction', adopted on September 12 2002 in New York";

(l) CD/1702, dated 3 March 2003, entitled "Letter dated 27 February 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the section pertaining to 'Disarmament and International Security' from the final document of the XIII Conference of Heads of State or Government of the Non-Aligned Countries held in Kuala Lumpur from 24 to 25 February 2003";

(m) CD/1703, dated 8 April 2003, entitled "Letter dated 27 March 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Romania addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Report of the Regional Seminar on the Implementation of the OSCE Small Arms Document and the UN Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects held in Bucharest from 24-26 February 2003";

(n) CD/1704, dated 8 April 2003, entitled "Letter dated 27 March 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the abridged unofficial translation of the Press Conference held on 21 March 2003 by H.E. Anatoliy Zlenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, regarding the developments in Iraq;

(o) CD/1708, dated 12 June 2003, entitled "Letter dated 5 June 2003 from the Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the documents adopted at the G-8 summit held in Evian from 1 to 3 June 2003";

(p) CD/1711, dated 5 August 2003, entitled "Letter dated 29 July 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the texts of the Declaration on Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, adopted at the Thessaloniki European Council on 20 June 2003";

(q) CD/1712, dated 7 August 2003, entitled "Letter dated 4 August 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a document entitled "Political Declaration on the Prevention of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and Their Means of Delivery", adopted at the fifth ASEM Foreign Ministers' meeting held in Bali on 23-24 July 2003";

(r) CD/1713, dated 15 August 2003, entitled "Letter dated 8 August 2003 from the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of Romania addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a press release issued on 6 August 2003 concerning the adhesion to the Amended Article I, to the Amended Protocol II, and Protocol IV, of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW)";

(s) CD/1717, dated 10 September 2003, entitled "Letter dated 10 September 2003 from the Permanent Representative of France to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the French version of the statement made by Mr. Renaud Muselier, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to the Conference on Facilitating the Entry into Force of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, held in Vienna on 3 September 2003".

I. Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report of the Conference and Any Other Report as Appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

38. With a view to commencing early substantive work during its 2004 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations, taking into account all relevant proposals, including CD/1693/Rev.1, views

presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

39. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2004 session would be:

First part:	19 January-26 March 2004
Second part:	10 May-25 June 2004
Third part:	26 July-10 September 2004

40. The annual report to the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 9 September 2003, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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